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THE WEATHER:

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CHARITIES LEADERS CONDEMN VICE TRAPS WHICH CATCH THE CHILDREN OF BRIDGEPORT

Young Persons Lured Into Dance Halls and Tempted to Evil Ways—Rev. Father Judge Suggests Censorship of Moving Picture Plays—Young Drunkards Common in Streets, Is Charged—Factory Girls Sign Protest.

Great interest was taken yesterday and today in the principal sessions of the conference of charities and corrections being held in this city.

Much interesting data has been compiled for the use of future meetings and recommendations and plans for the uplifting of humanity have been made in detail.

Local speakers last night and today had much to say upon the subject of vice in the city of Bridgeport, condemning the dance halls, moving pictures and places where boys and girls may become intoxicated.

The government of the city was held up to criticism for not investigating the dance-halls and the police were rebuked for the duty upon the belief that they were not given full power by those higher in authority.

Reverend speakers recommended improvements that might tend to do away with the menace to young girls and boys, and it became known that the working-girls of Bridgeport will formulate a petition to the common council complaining over 600 names, asking that some dance hall may be provided where they will not be subject to insult.

Rev. Fr. Matthew Judge advocated the censoring of all moving picture shows, and believed that church dances should take the place of those run upon a commercial basis. Others believed that a dance inspector should be appointed by the city.

It was openly said by Rev. MacLaren Richardson that immoral dance-halls, gambling in pool-rooms and moving pictures which were not fit for youths were prevalent in the city. The sale of liquor in dance-halls was denounced. That young children are often seen upon the streets in filthy, careless condition was another charge made before the conference, and a warning tale of the ruin and final fall of a young girl in Bridgeport was unfolded.

Most interesting sessions are in force this afternoon and the election of officers and committees will be made tonight.

Mrs. M. H. Ford, in a round table discussion today, interestingly took up the question of moral and physical results of the training of children in children's institutional homes.

At the fourth session yesterday, Harvey C. Went spoke for public playgrounds for children in the city in the belief that the only way manliness could be developed was by out of doors gymnasium practices, both for boys and girls.

The working of the city charities department in the various society organizations under the new method, was commended.

Vocational or industrial training for the defective child was entered into deeply with the result that it was the expressed belief of many that these children should be placed in institutions and made to work should have the full benefit of their wages and should be taught real trades before being let loose.

The question of crippled children in the schools and institutions was discussed to be hard of solution and recommendations were made for their care. The presence of children of the drunkard in jail and taking his earnings rather than sending them to his dependent family was scored as a little less than legalized robbery.

The necessity for playgrounds in the city was shown from statistics of the families moving to cities and the deaths and disaster resulting from traffic. The fifth session of the conference was held in the afternoon.

Qualified leaders for playgrounds where they have already been established was a material factor, according to speakers.

Conditions throughout the country were scored as bad for the moral welfare of young people and it was said that Connecticut has poor facilities for the care and training of children.

The necessity for a large farm for the care of epileptics, inebriates and insane was shown.

The care of dependent children in Massachusetts was carefully detailed and the benefits of proper adoption enthusiastically described.

The marriage of the mentally deficient the idiot and the moron, was scored, though the newer methods of preventing hereditary transmission were scored as causing added immorality.

FIFTH SESSION With a brilliant speakers pleading for legislation to better the condition of the working classes, and five meetings where these conditions were discussed by men and women, skilled in uplift movements, the fifth session of the Connecticut State Conference opened auspiciously this morning.

Charity workers from all sections of the state and country, authorities on bettering the conditions of those confined in our state institutions, and those interested to better the living and working conditions of the working class were in attendance. The purpose of the conference was to discuss the means of securing legislation for the general betterment of the state and city.

These men and women, many of them of the wealthier class of our citizens, and the organizers of public charities and of the betterment of the underworld, told of their personal experiences in the slums of our great cities.

Have Paid Interest On 1893 Note Almost Equal to Principal

Although \$125 interest has been paid on a \$1000 note, the sum collected the principal has been brought by Edward Troy of this city against the estate of Michael Bradley, late of Redding. Evidence was heard this morning before Judge Scott in the common pleas court. The bill was contracted in 1893 and Bradley gave his note to secure payment. His widow, who was in court today, testified that interest had been paid.

EXPRESS CO. DRIVERS STRIKE FOR INCREASE

Norwich, Conn., April 23—Drivers and clerks of the express company left their employment today, the former demanding an increase of \$10 a month, or \$40. There are five drivers and three clerks, the latter going out in sympathy.

U. S. Army Ordered To Colorado

President Will Send Federal Troops to Stop Mine Battle

MACHINE GUNS USED TO CHECK STRIKERS

Women Demand Permit to Search for Hundred Missing Children

Washington, April 23—President Wilson today decided to order federal troops to Colorado to restore order in the coal strike district where virtual civil war exists.

The decision was reached after the President had gone over the Colorado situation with his cabinet during the greater part of a two hour session and a proclamation will be issued later today ordering federal soldiers to the scene of the industrial conflict.

The number of troops will be decided upon in a conference between the President and Secretary of War Garrison, this afternoon.

Denver, April 23—Conditions in the Colorado coal fields have become more serious than at any time since the inception of the strike last September. Violence spread from the southern fields to those of the extreme north. It has proceeded with such vigor in the south that seven mine guards are reported dead.

The conflict between strikers and mine guards at the Walsen mine and at the Hecia mine at Louisville continued throughout the night. The arrival of the militia from Ludlow at the Walsen mine apparently did not awe the strikers who kept up their fire at the mine from long range even after the troops reinforced the defenders.

At midnight, the militia reached Walsenburg and its force of 50 men was divided, half remaining in Walsenburg and the other going to the Walsen mine by a round-about route to avoid contact with the strikers.

Upon their arrival they determined to do nothing more than aid in the defense of the mine property until the developments of the day more clearly defined the work that would be needed of them.

Governor Ammons today faced another large committee of women. They asked for the appointment of a committee of women to go to Ludlow and search the old strikers' tent colony, where they claimed there were more bodies than could be accounted for.

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COAL COMPANIES TO OPPOSE RATE RAISE

Briefs Arguing Against Proposed Increase in Freight Charges Filed.

Washington, April 23—Briefs in opposition to the increase in freight rates asked for by eastern railroads were today filed with the interstate commerce commission on behalf of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, the New Pittsburgh Coal Company and the state railroad commissions in the eastern classification territory when arguments in the case were resumed.

Clifford Thorne, in his brief for the railroad commissions, urged that the net operation income for the carriers involved was greater during the past four years than for any similar period for 1913, particularly for the coal during the last five years period were greater than during the preceding five years and those for 1913 greater than the average for either of these five year periods.

He added that, if the commission denies the proposed increase, the prosperity of the carriers "is bound to keep on increasing just as it has in the past."

The brief of the coal companies asserts that the exhibits of the carriers show that gross and net returns for 1913, particularly for the coal carrying roads, are more satisfactory than they have been in the past. The situation, it is declared, calls for an adjustment of rates as between traffic and localities.

FOOT BADLY CRUSHED AS BOY FALLS FROM AUTO TRUCK

Slipping from one of the Connecticut Breweries company's automobile trucks while stealing a ride at Hallett and Pembroke streets this forenoon, four years' old John Rutkowski, son of Joseph Rutkowski, of 23 Hallett street, received injuries that may

Funston In Command Of Vera Cruz Troops

Threat To Boost Tax Rate Angers Some, But Amuses Other Citizens

Public Opinion Apparently Arrayed Against All Debt Policy Except \$80,000 Bond Issue To Complete New High School

Mayor Clifford B. Wilson's threat that he will cause the tax rate to be raised from three to twelve mills, unless the citizens grant his demands for \$1,355,000 of debt, was generally discussed, yesterday, and today, by those not more interested in the war with Mexico, the labor troubles in Colorado, or the future of the Federal league.

For the most part the mayor's threat was received good naturedly and treated as a bluff to frighten timid persons.

But some taxpayers took a more serious view of the matter, and very forcibly protested against such an effort to coerce the votes of the freemen.

The general opinion seemed to be that Mayor Wilson and his backers are desperately in need of the money to spend, for the purpose of keeping themselves in power, and that they are willing to go to any lengths to obtain the right to issue bonds.

The impression was also general that if these bonds are issued, there will be within a month or two other bond issues, for other large projects, and that on the other hand, if the issue is defeated, the taxpayers will get a little rest from official assault upon their pocketbooks.

One thing is certain, the official family has never been so active, outside of the day of a general election, when the offices were at stake.

All the forces of the administration have been quietly hatched, implored or ordered to get a big vote for bonding, and conditions have been made as favorable to the bonders as possible.

The mayor's sudden shifting of the voting places to the school houses is regarded as a stroke of genius, by the bonding contingent.

While appearing to conform to a public demand to removing the voting places from usual surroundings and to that extent satisfying public opinion, the mayor at the same time succeeded in getting the ballot cast at places which the masses of the voters are not familiar with.

The result will be that the organized vote will be more fully cast than the vote of the unorganized public, which is opposed to heavy bonding.

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cripple him. His right foot was crushed between one of the rear wheels and the street. A blood vessel was ruptured. Henry Hatzertzer, 1089 Pembroke street, driver of the machine stopped. The boy was taken to the Bridgeport hospital in the emergency ambulance. Hatzertzer's name was taken by the police but, as he was not considered negligent, he was not held.

AVIATOR FATALLY INJURED BY FALL

Los Angeles, April 23—Charles C. Roystone, an aviator, fell with the monoplane 800 feet at Dominguez Junction, south of here today and was so badly injured that he died shortly afterward.

CHILD DIVES FROM WINDOW; SKULL CRACKED

Suffering from a depressed fracture of the skull that is expected to make an operation necessary, Annie Balowsky, three years' old daughter of Peter and Annie Balowsky, 562 Arctic street, at Bridgeport hospital as a result of a dive from a three story window at her home this morning. Eluding her elders, Annie climbed into a chair, pushed up a window and fell. The mother became hysterical and had to be treated by the same ambulance surgeon that attended the child. The child's father is in Europe suffering from an incurable disease.

VALUABLE WEDDING GIFTS FROM BURGLAR'S LOOT

Bristol, Conn., April 23—More than a hundred pieces of solid silverware chiefly wedding presents, received two years ago and valued at several hundred dollars, were stolen by burglars last night from the home of Morton C. Treadway.

HUERTA ACCEPTANCE OF MEDIATION IS WITHOUT CONDITION

South American Diplomats Begin Secret Sessions As Regulars Replace Marines In Possession Of Mexican Seaport—British Company's Wharfs Seized At Tampico

Vera Cruz, April 23—Brig. General Frederick Funston today relieved Admiral Badger of the command of the Vera Cruz shore party.

The transports bringing the 5th army brigade comprising the Fourth, Seventh, Nineteenth and Twentieth infantry regiments were made fast at the docks shortly before 10 o'clock this morning.

The arrival of the soldiers was not marked by any great ceremony. The few Mexican laborers working about the docks looked on at the fresh force without displaying any interest.

In addition to the infantrymen who arrived today, Company E of the engineers' corps, 6th cavalry regiment, the 4th field artillery, and 3rd field ambulance company are on their way here.

Brig. General Funston called on Rear Admiral Badger and talked over with him his plans for the landing of the troops. An agreement was reached regarding the position the soldiers were to occupy.

The infantry men will take charge of the positions along the outer line as soon as they come ashore.

The seamen are to be relieved by detachment and will return to their ships.

The complete exchange between the soldiers and the sailors will not be accomplished before tomorrow.

The landing of the infantry regiments was ordered to be carried out later in the day.

Washington, April 23—Spanish Ambassador Riano, in charge of the affairs of Mexico in the United States, today informed Secretary of State Bryan that General Huerta had unconditionally accepted the principle of mediation as involved in proposal of the government of Brazil, Argentina and Chile.

The envoys of Brazil, Argentina and Chile, whose good offices have now been formally accepted by the United States and the Huerta government to compose the crisis in Mexico, resumed their sessions early today at the Argentine legation under circumstances which gave them much encouragement.

SESSIONS ARE SECRET The sessions are all private and surrounded by every safeguard and precaution. This will be laid before the two governments at the earliest possible moment.

The sessions are expected to be continuous throughout today and tonight. The White House declined to make any statement as to what proposals the United States would submit as a basis for mediation. It was announced that nothing would be said that might in any way compromise the mediators. At the regular cabinet meeting at 11 o'clock the formulation of the American proposals to the mediators was a subject of consideration.

Consul Bloeker reported that Ciudad Portillo Diaz is completely deserted, the federals having retreated to Tosalia after several defeats by the Carranza forces.

ASK PROBABLE DEMANDS With the receipt of Huerta's formal acceptance of the good offices of the South American diplomats, President Wilson and his advisers today awaited the conference by which representatives of Argentina, Brazil and Chile hope to pave the way to peace. Their first move, it was suggested, would be a request to the Washington and the Huerta governments for statements of probable demands each would make preliminary to any attempt at formal mediation. The next step would depend upon the nature of those demands.

Huerta's reply, conveyed through his minister for foreign affairs to Mr. Riano, Spanish ambassador in Washington, was received late last night. Its text was not made public but Huerta's minister was said to have thanked

NO BLANKETS AND LITTLE FOOD FOR 'AILLED GRINGOS'

American Women and Children Herded Like Cattle in Cordoba.

Vera Cruz, April 23—Sleeping on the stone flagging of the jail gates with insufficient food, no sanitation and threatened every night with assassination by drunken jailers, the lot of the American and other prisoners, including women and children, confined at Cordoba.

W. H. McChesney, of the Geological Survey of Canada, who has been here some time in Mexico in behalf of the Universities of Harvard, Pennsylvania and Columbia, spent two days at Cordoba. He was detained, but not in jail and finally was permitted to proceed. He is an Englishman, though he is in reality an American.

The prisoners are herded like cattle and are fed at almost constantly either by their captors or by the Mexican inmates of the jail. They are permitted to have food and drink when the whim suits the jailers.

Among the prisoners is a young Mexican woman with an infant four months old. There are several other women and children. The total number of all nationalities, according to McChesney, is 55.

One of the imprisoned men is Superintendent of the Vera Cruz state who entertained John Lind, President Wilson's representative, a few months ago. McChesney says Consul Agent Witte is in jail at Huila near Tuxtepec.

McChesney left Tuxtepec last Wednesday with a pass giving him assumed name and his nationality as British. An excited crowd of Mexicans surrounded the train and it was with difficulty that he persuaded them to allow him on board. At El Barro, another mob searched the train and robbed him of all his money except two bills which he had hidden in his shoes. At Tierra Blanca, he was arrested in Vera Cruz and called for the United States yesterday at the steamer Mexico.

E. B. Woods, a sugar plantation owner who was previously held at Cordoba, escaped by descending the river in a launch to Alvarado. He arrived safely in Vera Cruz and called for the United States yesterday at the steamer Mexico.